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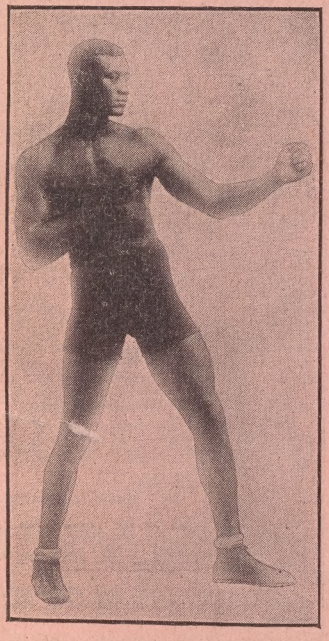

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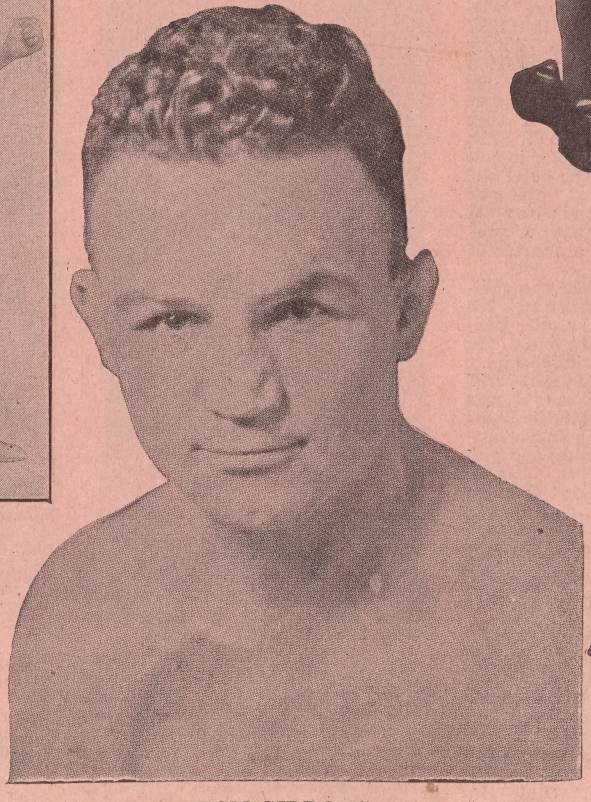

TOM GIBBONS
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JESS WILLARD
Former Champion Who is Seeking Comeback Match with Dempsey

John L. Sullivan Wrote Last Letter, Shortly Before He Died, to Tom Chandler, His Boxing Instructor

Former Champion Speaks of Old Friends Who Had Passed into the "Great Beyond" and Mentions That All Must Take That Final Journey—Tells of Favorite Horse on Which Father Time Had Rung the Ending Bell—John L's First Boxing Instructor and Sparring Partner Describes Boston Strong Boy's Tryout as a Boxer When He Whipped His Teacher and Whole Crowd of Spectators—Says Sullivan Never Forgot a Friend

By Mike E. Collins

While ascending the hill of prosperity may you never meet an old friend coming down.

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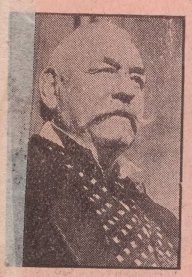
THE above were the last words written by the champion of all champions, John L. Sullivan, only a few days prior to his death at his home in Abbington, Mass., early in 1918. Peculiar, but Sullivan's last letter was written to the man who first taught John L. to box. That was Tom Chandler, who back in 1887 was a drug clerk in Boston as well as one of the greatest boxers of that period. Mr. Chandler is now in the hotel and real estate business at Davenport, Iowa, and has accumulated a fortune of over a quarter of a million.



John L. Sullivan

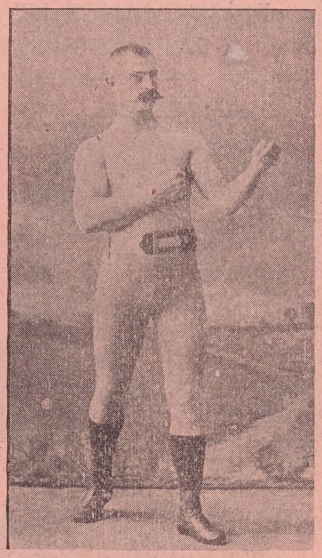
Besides teaching Sullivan the rudiments of the game, Chandler was his chief adviser in his battle with Paddy Ryan when John L. won the world's heavyweight championship.

"It was back in the fall of 1887 at Boston," says Chandler. "I was working as a drug clerk for the Louis Finney Drug Co., on 11th Street, occasionally doing some boxing and giving some boxing lessons. Yes, I was considered the cleverest of them all around Boston then, but boxing was legal in only a few spots around the country and boxing as a business was considered a poor venture. So I was not taking it as seriously as I would have if conditions were as they are now.

Gives John L. Try Out.

"Anyhow, one afternoon that fall, Dave Blanchard, a big gambler and a backer of fighters, came to see me and advised me that he had a big stone mason that he wanted me to try out. I was glad to accommodate Blanchard, so we went over to Ned Crockett's resort on Howard Street. Crockett's then was a hangout for all the sporting men of the East. In the rear of the place Crockett had a ring and a partly [illegible] gymnasium. M[illegible] were pulled off privately there week after week.

"The young stone mason that I was to try out that afternoon was none other than John L. Sullivan, not then John L. the champion of all champions, but John L., the 'Boston Strong Boy,' who was a helper to his father, who was one of the best stone masons in Boston. And Young Sullivan was the strongest man on the job. There was no rock too big for him to lift and it was his great strength, shown when working with his father, that gave him the name of the Boston Strong Boy, and that caused Blanchard to see in him the possibilities of a great fighter.



Tom Chandler

"It was late in the afternoon, about two dozen sporting men were on hand to see how the Boston Strong Boy would work in a ring. Sullivan then weighed about 180 and was as green as grass. They stripped him down and put on the big gloves. I was a good boxer and had no trouble sticking straight lefts into Sullivan's face, he swinging like a wild man. At the end of the round, Sullivan's nose was bleeding and his lips cut. He did not hit me during the round notwithstanding he started a hundred swings.

"The second round was much the same as the first. I had his nose bleeding and swelled to about the size of a banana, but he was tearing in near the close of the round. One of his right swings just grazed my forehead, a punch that would have felled an ox.

Licks Whole Crowd.

"Round three—Sullivan acted sore as I kept sticking a tantalizing left hand at his now tender nose. Coming out of a clinch, he landed a right hand punch on the side of the head, knocking me clean across the ring

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S LAST LETTER

Abbington, Mass
January 24th, 1918.

Mr. Tom Chandler.

My dear Tom: Your letter received. Glad to hear from you and the missus. Trust that you are both well and that you have shaken off the grippe by this time. All you have to do young fellow is to keep the old machinery in good condition and you are sure to be all O. K. And you know how to do that as well as anybody. As for myself, Tom, I am like a young fellow. Never was in better health in my life. Have done nothing in some little time in the way of the show business.

I would like to see you and the wife and greet you both with a hearty shake of the hand. Remember, you are not forgotten at this end of the line. I often think of you both and the pleasant trip you and I took on that short tour. It was a relief to me at the time. It took a lot of trouble off my mind.

Well, Tom, I don't think I mentioned in any of my previous letters to you of the old horse dying. He just laid down and would not get up. I pulled him out of the stall on to the barn floor to give him plenty of room to help himself, and assisted all I could. I hoped nature might be good to him and help him in some way that the veterinary could not. But it was no use. Old Father Time had rung the bell on him. So I had him shot and gave him a decent burial, and his old bones rest in the soil of Donelee-Ross Farm.

Well, old pal, the best in the world to you and the wife and plenty of good health combined, is the wish of your old friend, John L.

Yours truly,
John L. Sullivan.

Tom, just think of the many good fellows that you and I knew that have all gone over the divide to the great beyond. And it comes to us all.

While ascending the hill of presperity may you never meet an old friend coming down.

Muldoon's Objections to Tom Gibbons Fighting Dempsey Show He Ignores Facts of Ring History

Chairman of New York Boxing Commission Contends That St. Paul Boxer Is Too Small for Champion but Past Records Show That Many Great Fighters Whipped Men Much Bigger than Themselves—Dempsey Himself an Example along with Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Choyinski, Joe Walcott and Others

By George A. Barton
(Sports Editor, Minneapolis Daily News)

BILLY MULDOON'S contention that Tommy Gibbons should not be allowed to fight Jack Dempsey because of the disparity of weight between the two men is a tip-off that the chairman of the New York boxing commission is not very well versed in prize ring history. Fact is, Muldoon's chief claim to ability of being a boxing official is the fact that he once essayed to train John L. Sullivan for a championship fight.

George A. Barton

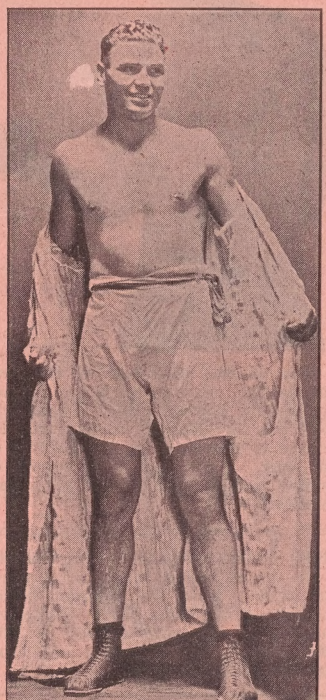
Bob Edgren, veteran sports writer, several times has alluded to the fact that Muldoon bossed the late John L. with a baseball bat and forced the late champion to do his bidding. Veteran sporting men in the East have told me, however, that Edgren did not have the right dope on the Sullivan-Muldoon episode. They claim John L. treated Muldoon the same as he did all of his would-be trainers and made Muldoon like it. According to my informants' version of the affair, Sullivan issued the orders and Muldoon played the part of a "yes man." Those who knew the once mighty John L. will believe the Sullivan version, for the late champion never took orders from anyone. So much for that and I'll return to what I first attempted to point out.

Weight and size don't always count in boxing and wrestling. It's the right stuff—I mean courage and ability—in a fighter or wrestler that counts. There are innumerable cases to prove that the biggest boxers and wrestlers often are the yellowest. In other words, it seems the bigger they are the smaller the heart.

Gibbons weighs between 173 and 175 pounds when in the best of condition. Dempsey weighed 197 when he fought Carpentier. He keeps his weight down well by doing plenty of exercise between bouts, so it is safe to presume that he will not weigh much more than 205 if he fights next summer. Gibbons stands 5 feet 9½ inches, while Dempsey stands 6 feet 1½ inches. Tommy, with his wonderful speed, boxing skill and ring generalship, would do much to offset Dempsey's superiority in strength and punching power.

Jack Kayoed Bigger Men

The difference in weight between Tommy and Jack isn't so vast considering the fact that Dempsey weighed 187 pounds the day he whipped Jess Willard for the championship, Willard weighing close to 250 pounds. Before trimming Willard, Dempsey knocked out Fred Fulton, 220 pounds, and Carl Morris, 235 pounds, both of whom towered over Jack.



JACK DEMPSEY

When I covered the Dempsey-Willard fight at Toledo, I picked Dempsey to win via the knockout route, basing my dope on the fact that a fighter who weighs 185 pounds and has the right stuff in him is big enough to beat the world. Dempsey proved my contention. This fact often has been proved in the ring.

Bob Fitzsimmons weighed 156 pounds the day he knocked out Jim Corbett, weight 186, for the world's heavyweight championship. Fitz also knocked out Tom Sharkey, weight 187 pounds; Gus Ruhlin, 203 pounds; Peter Maher, 205 pounds; Ed Dunkhorst, 301 pounds. Fitz also gave Jim Jeffries two of the hardest fights Jeff ever had and the boilermaker weighed 220 pounds. Corbett, too, spotted Jeff to 35 pounds in weight and made him hustle to win.

Joe Choynski weighed only 165 pounds, but put up terrific fights against Jeffries, Corbett, Sharkey, Maher and Ruhlin. Also, Joe was one of the only two fighters who ever knocked out Jack Johnson. Jeffries once told me Choynski hit him the hardest punch he ever received during his long ring career. Jeff said Joe socked him so hard in the mouth that his lip was wedged between his teeth and had to be cut away with a knife. Kid McCoy's best fighting weight was 160 pounds, yet he whipped Gus Ruhlin and made good fights against Jim Corbett and Tom Sharkey.

Like Cases Fill Ring History

Tommy Burns scaled 185 pounds but he whipped much heavier opponents, including Marvin Hart, Jim Flynn, Bill Squires, Gunner Moir, Bill Lange and Jack Palmer. He also gave big Jack Johnson a hard fight and was on his feet when police stopped the bout in the 14th round.

When Sam Langford was at his best, he weighed between 175 and 180 pounds, yet he hammered the daylights out of such giants as Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey, Gunboat Smith, John Lester Johnson, Porky Flynn, Sandy Ferguson and Jim Barry.

Joe Walcott, in my estimation the greatest welterweight fighter of all time, often invaded the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight classes and won fights. Joe could make 142 pounds ringside, yet he whipped Sandy Ferguson, 210 pounds, Joe Choynski, 165 pounds; Al Russell, 250 pounds; George Gardner, 175 pounds; Billy Stift, 175 pounds; "Wild Bill" Hanrahan, 176 pounds; Kid Carter, 160 pounds; Dan Creedon, 158 pounds; "Young Peter Jackson," 160 pounds, and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, 158 pounds. He also fought a 15-round draw with Sam

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Eastern Boxing News and Comment

By Clarence D. Gillespie

NEW YORK CITY—Jess Willard is doing his daily workouts at the Garden Gym. He refuses to let the newspaper boys see him on the scales, which is a big mistake. Never a popular fellow, Jess would do well not to antagonize the boys right now when he is seeking a match that will net him $100,000 or more. Introduced at one of the recent Garden shows the big fellow received a great reception. Whether the Dempsey match goes through or not the fact remains that Willard should come out in the open and let the sport writers know his condition. He looks to the writer to weigh in the neighborhood of 280 to 290 pounds. On the floor of the gymnasium when he does his little shadow boxing he puts one in mind of a big overfed chap that never saw a gym before. His workouts are not very impressive at any rate.

Clarence S. Gillespie

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The Milk Fund Show for March 19, through its representative, offered Jess $40,000 to box Floyd Johnson, but he said nay, nay. The Jersey Commissioner would like to see Jess in action with some minor heavyweight before they sanction a Dempsey match. However, if the big fight is to go to New Jersey, methinks the commission over there will waive the above. They usually do.

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Andy Thomas is the big noise among the 138-pounders hereabouts. He knocked Bobby Michaels out in one round at the Rink Sporting Club, Brooklyn, January 20, and they are now talking of matching him with Charley White. Thomas is a good fighter and if not pushed too fast will be a candidate for Mickey Walker's title in another six months, as he is only a youngster and growing fast.

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Sammy Seiger, who has grown into a junior lightweight, surprised the fistic world when he won over Kid Sullivan, the tough Brooklynite at the Broadway Club, January 21. Sullivan had won over Sammy twice and was looked on as a sure winner. He entered the ring a two-and-a-half to one favorite. Sammy won every round and the verdict. It was the banner house of the season, thousands being turned away and the Fire Department closing the doors at 8 o'clock.

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Harry Greb is back under the management of James (Reddy) Mason, and fought his first battle under Reddy at Jersey City, January 22, when he defeated Billy Shade in a twelve-rounder at the Armory A. C., Jersey City.

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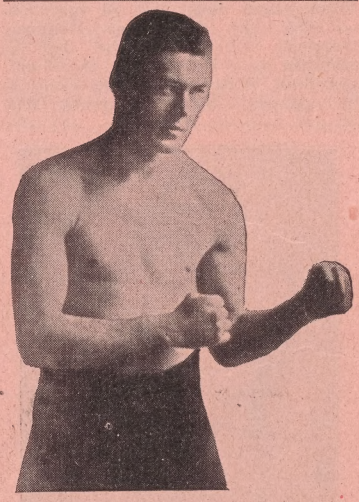
Charley White and Rocky Kansas will have it out at the Garden, February 9, when they will travel 15 rounds. The boys will make the required 135 pounds at 2 o'clock and a banner gate is expected. White is one of the best cards the Garden has had this season. With the prices $1 to $7, the boys will pack in about $50.000. Pretty sweet when you think of Kid Lavigne risking his title over the 25-round route for a purse of $3,500, with the winner taking $3,000 and the loser $500. White will receive in the neighborhood of $15,000, win or lose. These, not those are the good old days.



One of the surprises of the season is the parting of Gene Tunney and Frank Bagley. Billy Gibson will look out for Gene in the future. No reason is advanced for the parting of the pair. Frank got Gene plenty of money and is one of our very best hustlers.

Tex Rickard called Jack Kearns into his private office the other day and placing ten new one hundred dollar bills on his desk said, "This is for a six-days' option on the champion's services," naming four men that Kearns can pick from, Harry Wills, Jess Willard, Tom Gibbons and Louis Firpo. Tom O'Rourke had offered a cool million for four battles Tex said, "I will give more and will ask you to box two men." It looks like Tex holds the ace. No matter how much opposition or howling the papers might make, the "Boxing Blade" wants to go on record as saying that Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard will meet on or about Decoration Day under the direction of Tex Rickard.

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Fred Fulton is going to try again. This time under the management of Jimmy Johnston. Fred is in town now, or will be by the time this goes to print.

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Joe Lynch is back in town after a six weeks' rest at Hot Springs. Danny Lee looks like the next opponent that Joe will be asked to tackle.

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Luis Firpo and Bill Brennan will go at the Garden, March 12. Unless Firpo has improved about 1,000 per cent he will be eliminated after Brennan gets through with him. The last time he appeared around here he was just a big, strong fellow with no style. He impressed the writer that he would have made a better wrestler than a fighter.

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Jack Johnson and Jess Willard recently met at the entrance to the Garden and extended cordial greetings. It was their first meeting since they met at Havana when Jess won the title.

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Eddie Kane has been around the big town for about two weeks. He has a swell contract in his pocket calling for a fifteen-round bout with Floyd Johnson at the Garden, March 19. Not satisfied with the Johnson match, Eddie wants some definite

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

THE wealthy bootleggers are busting into the boxing game here day by day.

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Many of them are millionaires who have become enthusiastic fight fans

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Arthur T. Lumley

They have already got control of three prominent clubs and are after more.

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They have also about two dozen noted fighters under their wing.

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And they are dickering to buy many more.

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About half of the choice ringside seats at the big Garden shows are bought up by the bootleg capitalists.

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Paying $25 for a choice seat is a joke to them.

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They have money galore and will not stop at anything.

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If they could buy Tex Rickard and Co., out of the Garden they certainly would pay a big sum.

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And if there's prohibition for two or three years more the bootleggers may control the game in New York City, for they are getting the coin.

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There's probably $200,000 or more bet by these wealthy ducks before every big fight.

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They don't wait until they get to the Garden to do their wagering any more.

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They make their bets at their various secret headquarters scattered all over town.

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How can the Duke of Muldoon or anyone else stop these bootleggers from gambling?

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They look upon the order against betting as a big joke.

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They have their regular betting commissioners scouting around before all important combats.

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Hustling to grab every sucker's money in sight.

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And the crafty bootleggers always seem to have wise inside information.

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Some of the smart Broadway fans claim they have some of the unscrupulous referees and judges on their payrolls.

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Frequently when there's a raw decision rendered, the bootlegging gang howl down the indignation of the honest fans.

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And when they can't buy an upright referee or judge, they bulldoze and scare them.

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Several referees and judges have been roughly handled for rendering honest decisions.

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Some of the ring arbiters have resigned rather than run the risk of being rough-housed unjustly.

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The buying and selling of fighters in the open pugilistic market is quite active at present.

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"Doc" Bagley was rather pleased to get $5,000 cash for Gene Tunney recently.

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They say that Gene got balky because "Doc" couldn't get Harry Greb for him in a return match quickly.

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Anyway, Bagley got tired wrangling with Gene.

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Paddy Roche has sold half interest in Kid Sullivan to a millionaire fight bug for $2,500.

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Roche claims to have gotten ten times $2,500 but the wise birds only smile at that.

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Joe Woodman is trying to get a big flock of young boxers to auction off under the hammer.

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He proposes to advertise the big auction as a bargain sale of sound, speedy colts.

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This sale should surely attract the attention of the wealthy bootleggers.

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Some managers have only ten or twenty per cent interest in a fighter.

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While the remaining shares are held by some individuals who are under cover.

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For political and other reasons they cannot afford to be known.

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But they don't hesitate to cut into the poor fighter's earnings deep and plenty after a bout.

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Kid Sullivan and Sammy Sieger drew $4,411 in their last bout at the Brooklyn Broadway Club.

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The crowd surprised Jack Parella and Jimmy March (Mutt and Jeff) the club managers.

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So they will rematch Sullivan and Sieger and charge bigger prices probably.

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Reputable managers are anxious to form a league of their own kind.

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And force the commish to oust the rats out that are undermining and disgracing boxing.

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Formerly it was supposed to be the fighter who was tough and unruly.

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But nowadays some of the managers are gunmen and gangsters.

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Wonder why the commish gives these thugs a license

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Simply because these gangsters are useful to some of the political leaders.

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Benny Leonard is not only stage struck but he's "stage stuck" for some $40,000 so far.

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Jack Britton says Bennah doesn't perform like a champion before the footlights.

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Neither does he make a big hit nor a straight lead in "The Dancing Girl."

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Probably Leonard may discover that "The Dancing Dollars" would have been a better title for his play before long.

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Anyway, the Winter Garden, where Benny appears, has a kind of a cold, frosty name.

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Wanted, immediately, some young, husky, game opponent for Jack Dempsey.

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Six feet high, four feet wide, three feet thick, like Kipling's Krishna Mulvaney.

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It's quite easy to get them thick enough nowadays.

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But they invariably lack the other essential qualifications to put against the annihilating champion.

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Jimmy Kelly and Johnny Keyes still hold half and half of Pepper Martin.

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But Kelly is greatly stuck on Johnny Dundee although Dundee outboxed Pepper.

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Keyes openly declares for Martin always, while secretly Kelly favors Dundee.

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Can you beat that for a managerial combination?

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Wonder what's become of the gumshoed sleuths of the comic commish who were supposed to be trailing the sharpshooters?

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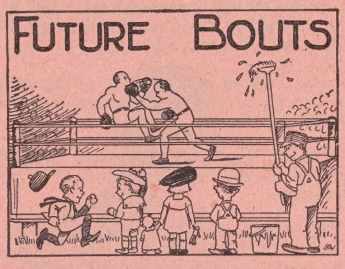
WALTER H. LIGINGER of Milwaukee may be the chief director of the supervision of boxing on a world-wide scale, according to Thomas L. Cummiskey, New York Sports writer. In a recent article Mr. Cummiskey says: "Mr. W. H. Liginger is a candidate for president of the International Boxing Union which will convene in Paris on February 17.

"He is a candidate for office on the wish of the National Boxing association, whose destinies he guided for two years until he retired at the recent annual meeting of the organization. His work as president of the N. B. A. was recognized, apart from his nomination as candidate for the international presidency, by the delegates electing him to life membership.

"Supporting Mr. Liginger for the office will be the delegates of the Canadian Boxing federation and the Cuban Boxing commission. The pledges of these bodies, affiliated with this country's organization, were made at the annual N. B. A. meeting through P. J. Mulqueen of Toronto, president of the Canadian federation, and Col. Resendo Collazo, president of the Cuban body.

"The leading nations fostering boxing abroad belong to the International Union, except England. England has announced willingness to rejoin if the United States becomes a member as it now proposes to do. Australia is affiliated with the N. B. A. The aims and purposes of the various associations, therefore, working hand in hand, will make the International union a world-wide power.

"Because of the booming nature of boxing in this country, the land boasting the most champions, and because of Mr. Liginger's intimate knowledge of the game, through his presidency of the N. B. A. and otherwise, it is believed his candidacy will receive recognition that will result in his election."



James J. Delaney vs. Gene Tunney, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13th.

Harry Greb vs. Pal Reed, 12 rounds, Newark, N. J., Feb. 5th.

Wee Wee Willie Spencer vs. Frankie Jerome, 12 rounds, Harlem, N. Y., Feb. 12th.

Tom Gibbons vs. Floyd Johnson, 15 rounds, New York City, March 19th.

Johnny Dundee vs. Elino Flores, 15 rounds, New York City, Feb. 9th.

Floyd Johnson vs. Jim Tracy, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12th.

Luis Firpo vs. Bill Brennan, 15 rounds, New York City, March 12th.

Lou Bogash vs. Jack McCarron, 12 rounds, Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 5th.

Jimmy O'Gatty vs. Panama Joe Gans, New York City, Feb. 17th.

Andy Thomas vs. Johnny Clinton, 12 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 5th.

Terry Martin vs. Billy Ryckoff, 12 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 12th.

Sammy Nable vs. Harry (Battling) Leonard, 12 rounds, Harlem, N. Y., Feb. 5th.

Farmer Lodge vs. Andre Anderson, 10 rounds, Duluth, Minn., Feb. 9th.

Johnny Tillman vs Mickey Walker, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 22nd.

Bud Logan vs. Billy Wells, 10 rounds, Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 10th.

Billy Emke vs. Jimmie Nuss, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 7th.

Johnny Shauer vs. Tony Dennis, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 7th.

Silver Perry vs. Pete Bross, 10 rounds, Helena, Mont., Feb. 5th.

Danny Kramer vs. Johnny Brown, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12th.

Cuddy DeMarco vs. Martin Judge, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12th.

Joe Colletti vs. Johnny Ray, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12th.

Nate Isaacman vs. Tim Droney, 10 rounds, Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 5th.

Johnny Coney vs. Harvey Bright, New York City, March 19th.

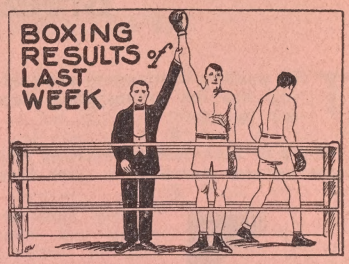
Willie Herman vs. Chubby Brown, 12 rounds, Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 12th.

Charlie Pilkington vs. Pete August, 12 rounds, Wallingford, Conn., Feb. 15th.

Johnny Sheppard vs. Carl Tremaine, 10 rounds, Windsor, Ont., Can., Feb. 17th.

Bud Taylor vs. Pal Moore, 10 rounds, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5th.

Vincent Pokorni vs. Young Webb. 12 rounds, Marion, Ohio, Feb. 6th.



EAST

Danny Lee defeated Danny Edwards, twelve rounds, at New York City, Jan. 26th.

Frankie Jerome and Spencer Gardner boxed twelve rounds to a draw at New York City, Jan. 20th.

Johnny (Red) Monroe defeated Charley Hayes, twelve rounds, at New York City, Jan. 20th.

Young Saviola defeated Johnny Holmes, at New York City, Jan. 20th.

Ruby Stein defeated Billy Brown at New York City, Jan. 20th.

Al Glory defeated Young Joe Eppy at New York City, Jan. 20th.

Leo Gates knocked out Billy Moore, second round, at New York City, Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Williams defeated Frankie Conifrey, ten rounds, at New York City, Jan. 22nd.

Henry Catena defeated Al Felder, ten rounds, at New York City, Jan. 22nd.

Joe Souza knocked out Frankie Curley, first round, at New York City, Jan. 22nd.

Willie St. Clair defeated Johnny Mosley, ten rounds, at New York City, Jan. 23rd.

Battling Willie Powell knocked out Roy Taylor, third round, at New York City, Jan. 23rd.

Henry Shaw defeated Lloyd Murphy at New York City, Jan. 23rd.

Charlie Murray defeated Charlie Picker, twelve rounds, at New York City, Jan. 23rd.

Johnny Lazz defeated Steve Marcon, twelve rounds, at New York City, Jan. 23rd.

Jackie Moore and Petey Hayes boxed eight rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 23rd.

Jimmy Werner and Sammy Melfin boxed eight rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 23rd.

Jackie Fields defeated Jimmy Barry, eight rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 23rd.

Sammy Sieger defeated Kid Sullivan, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Hilly Levine defeated Johnny Vinney at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Andy Thomas knocked out Bobby Michaels, first round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20th.

Glenn Stevens defeated Mickey Nelson, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20th.

Nick Foley knocked out Joe West, third round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20th.

Nat Pincus defeated Billy Bell at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20th

Billy Murphy knocked out Willie Curry, eighth round, at Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Mike Dempsey defeated Jimmy Sullivan, ten rounds, at Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Mike Conroy defeated Joe Burke, ten rounds, at Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Frankie Schoell defeated Harvey Thorpe, ten rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Roy McFarland defeated Kid Alberts, six rounds, at Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Red Mack defeated Jimmy Hanlon, twelve rounds, at Albany, N. Y., Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Herman defeated Vince Coffey, twelve rounds, at Amsterdam, N. Y., Jan. 24th.

Wildman Gould knocked out Ruby Cohen, fourth round, at Amsterdam, N. Y., Jan. 24th.

Lew Schupp knocked out Vincent Lopez, fourth round, at Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 22nd.

Mickey Mooney defeated George (Young) Erne, ten rounds, at Trenton, N. J., Jan. 22nd.

Battling McCreery defeated Jack Taylor, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., Jan. 23rd.

Al Sears defeated Jim Cox, ten rounds, at Lynn, Mass., Jan. 23rd.

Charlie Manty defeated Chick Suggs, ten rounds, at New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Darcy defeated Gene Delmont, ten rounds, at Lowell, Mass., Jan. 25th.

Scotty Welch defeated Gunboat Jack at Lowell, Mass., Jan. 25th.

Tommy Ryan defeated Harry London, twelve rounds, at Mariesville, R. I., Jan. 24th.

Young Lubby defeated Bennie Linn at Mariesville, R. I., Jan. 24th.

Kid Wolfe defeated Benny Schwartz, twelve rounds, at Baltimore, Md., Jan. 22nd.

Mike Dundee and Tiny Trinkle boxed ten rounds to a draw at Clearfield, Pa., Jan. 23rd.

Sailor (Kid) Mack and Ralph Repman boxed ten rounds to a draw at Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 22nd.

Ivory Eshelman knocked out Charlie Ross, first round, at Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Royce knocked out Young Joe O'Donnell, third round, at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26th.

Frankie Brennan defeated Mickey Golden at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26th.

Young Chappie defeated Leonard Sullivan at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26th.

Sid Barbarian and Johnny Mendelsohn boxed ten rounds to a draw at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 22nd.

Young Lawrence and Kid Roux boxed six rounds to a draw at Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 22nd.

Harry Krohn defeated Soldier Buck, twelve rounds, at Barberton, Ohio, Jan. 26th.

Billy Stearns defeated "Chuck" Byers at Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 23rd.

Jackie Marlow and Sonny Cashin boxed eight rounds to a draw at New York City, Jan. 25th.

Frankie Cronin defeated Bobby Wagner, eight rounds at New York City, Jan. 25th.

Willie Gilligan defeated Young Andy Ketchell, eight rounds at New York City, Jan. 25th.

Tommy Chip defeated Dominick Servedio, eight rounds at New York City, Jan. 25th.

Jakie Melman defeated Patsy Flanagan at New York City, Jan. 26th.

Wilbur Cohan knocked out Young Skelly, fifth round at New York City, Jan. 26th.

Rocky Kansas defeated Chubby Brown, twelve rounds at Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 26th.

Al Norton defeated Phil Bloom, twelve rounds at Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 25th.

Artie Pierce defeated Kid Sabol at Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 25th.

Willie Herman knocked out Marty Mandeville, fourth round at Harrison, N. J., Jan. 25th.

Frankie Fasano defeated Harry Gordon, ten rounds at Passaic, N. J., Jan. 25th.

Charley O'Connell won on a foul from Joe Welling in the sixth round at Erie, Pa., Jan. 26th.

Indian Russell defeated Tiny Trinkle, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26th.

Charley Manty defeated Frankie Curry, ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., Jan. 26th.

Correction—Our Jan. 27th issue of The Boxing Blade in the Result Column, we published that Jack Dillon defeated Joe Walters, ten rounds, at Bicknell, Ind., Jan. 11th. From information and clippings received from Joe Walters, Bicknell, Ind., Joe Walters defeated Jack Dillon.

Willie Curry knocked out Billie Murphy, eight rounds at Port Richmond, L. I., Jan. 22nd.

Bobby Walker defeated Fred Lewis, eight rounds at Port Richmond, L. I., Jan. 22nd.

Spencer Gardner and Harry Martin boxed ten rounds to a draw at Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 26th.

Willie Gradwell defeated Pete Hartley, ten rounds at Providence, R. I., Jan. 26th.

Billy DeFoe knocked out K. O. Leroux, fifth round at Lewiston, Maine, Jan. 26th.

Tommy Corbley and Joe St. Hilaire boxed ten rounds to a draw at Manchester, N. H., Jan. 26th.

MIDDLE WEST

Johnny Tillman defeated Jimmy Nikol, ten rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24th.

Jimmy Nuss knocked out Jay Borko, third round, at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24th.

Joe Sielaff defeated Jimmy Muzzy, six rounds at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24th.

Big Ben defeated Larry Sobjeck, four rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24th.

Pal Moore defeated Tommy Murray, ten rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26th.

Jimmy Gorey defeated Frankie Stacey, six rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26th.

Charles Rychell defeated Sammy Parks, six rounds, at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26th.

Joie Franks defeated Bobby Cooper, six rounds, at Chicao, Ill., Jan. 26th.

Connie Curry defeated Stanley Everett, ten rounds at Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 26th.

Conny Curry defeated Stanley Everett, ten rounds at Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 26th.

Battling Strayer knocked out Mat Smith, eight rounds at Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 26th.

NORTHWEST

Emil Engberg knocked out Andy Schmader, first round, at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26th.

Johnny Ertle defeated Saph McKenna, ten rounds, at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26th.

"Dago Joe" Gans defeated Al Van Ryan, ten rounds, at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26th.

Harry Ward defeated Bud Corneia, four rounds, at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26th.

Dan Dorey knocked out Canadian Carter, second round, at Shelby, Mont., Jan. 25th.

Eddie Parker won on a foul from Jimmy Rock in the second round at Shelby, Mont., Jan. 25th.

Joe Simonich and Cowboy Padgett boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Butte, Mont., Jan. 18th.

Frank Monahan defeated Battling Leidle, eighth round, at Butte, Mont., Jan. 18th.

Marine Ranieri knocked out Lee Butler, sixth round, at Butte, Mont., Jan. 18th.

Buster Brandon defeated Bill Bato, four rounds, at Butte, Mont., Jan. 18th.

Russie LeRoy and Joe Mong boxed six rounds to a draw at Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 24th.

Jackie Nichols knocked out "Peanut" Tobin, third round, at Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 24th.

FAR WEST

"Spug" Myers and Frankie Darren boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 26th.

Kid Belt defeated Joe Burger, twelve rounds at Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 23rd.

Bud Hamilton defeated Joe the Wop, ten rounds at Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 23rd.

Lou Dennison defeated Young Griffo, six rounds at Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 23rd.

SOUTH

Young Lawrence knocked out Young Sike, sixth round, at Beckley, West. Va., Jan. 24th.

Young Stribling knocked out Young Marullo, ninth round, at New Orleans, La., Jan. 26th.

Frankie King knocked out Pinkie Lewis, second round, at New Orleans, La., Jan. 26th.

Kid Carlin and Monk Kelly boxed six rounds to a draw at New Orleans, La., Jan. 26th.

Kid Cochran defeated Young Bloom, four rounds, at New Orleans, La., Jan. 26th.

Joe Paglina knocked out Young Barrerre, seventh round, at Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22nd.

Sammy Ciminelli knocked out Bobby Lee, ninth round, at Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22nd.

Young Ketchell knocked out Billy Wiggins, third round, at Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22nd.

Billy Anderson defeated Al Dailey, four rounds, at Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22nd.

Mike Vasques defeated Brooke Stevens, ten rounds, at San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 23rd.

Eddie Conners knocked out Sammy Romano, fourth round, at San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 23rd.

Sailor Jim Marples knocked out Fred Allen, second round at Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 22nd.

Johnny Griffiths defeated Frank Dugan, ten rounds at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 22nd.

Jack Arnold knocked out Pete Shaunnessy, fifth round at Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 25th.

PACIFIC COAST

Cowboy Padgett and Billy Wright boxed six rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23rd.

Johnny Mack defeated Hal Lewis, four rounds, at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23rd.

Fred Zwickey and Oakland Billy Harms boxed six rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23rd.

Frankie Green knocked out Ira Hoffman, first round, at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23rd.

Soldier Woods and Jack Lockhart boxed four rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23rd.

Joe Egan and Tom King boxed ten rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Johnny Trambitas defeated Joe Dunn, six rounds, at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Chick Rocco defeated Aberdeen Jimmy Duffy, six rounds, at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Frankie Grandetta defeated Solly Gordon, four rounds, at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Mysterious Billy Smith, Jr., defeated Young Britton, four rounds, at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Art Patnoe knocked out Larry Shea, first round, at Portland, Ore., Jan. 19th.

Eddie Diggins and "Windmill" Young Papke boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Frankie Thomas defeated Joe Layman, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Will Oliver defeated Alex Tasloff, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

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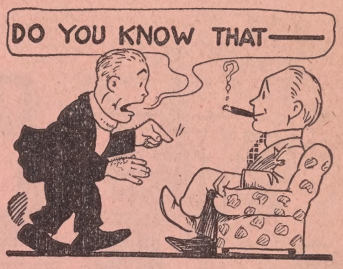

TEX RICKARD and Tom O'Rourke think they are competitors for title bouts.

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Jack Kearns will receive the results.

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Bill Muldoon is still making new rules for New York.

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Bill should hurry and do all he has in mind, as his days are numbered. It's back to the health farm for Bill.

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Otto Borchert, Milwaukee boxing promoter and president of the Milwaukee Baseball Team got mixed on contracts last week and almost signed Pinkey Mitchell for the season to play baseball.

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The National Boxing Association put a damper on all political Commishs or secretaries from barring fighters for pleasure, and three months is the limit unless the crime is something out of the ordinary.

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White slavery is still on the excluded list.

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What goes up must come down.

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Johnny Greeley, former manager of Morrie Schlaifer is now boxing amateur bouts at Omaha.

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Jack Lewis was hurt worse than Schmader when Andy was knocked out at St. Paul.

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Barring Tom Gibbons from clashing with Jack Dempsey is considered another ridiculous act of Muldoon's.

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Some of the greatest heavyweight champions of the past weighed less than 175 pounds in condition.

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When the famous Jem Mace won the heavyweight championship from Sam Hurst, better known as the "Stalybridge Infant," Mace only scaled about 150 while Hurst weighed some 238 pounds. Some difference, eh?

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Joe Coburn, Jim Dunne and Johnny Dwyer, all former American heavyweight champions, never reached 175 pounds in fine fighting form in their salad days.

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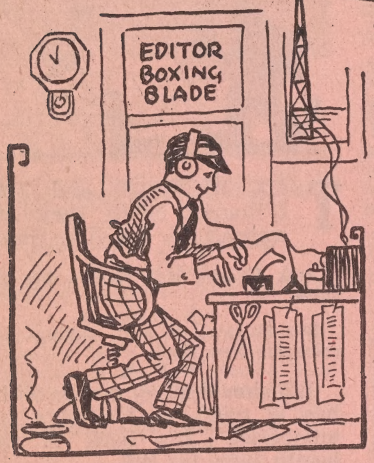

BOXERS belonging to the stable stable managed by Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins, will be working at their trade all over the country this week and the week following.

Silver Perry, Miles City, Mont., 150-pounder, who is under the direction of the two Mikes, goes into action against Pete Bross, another Montana product, in the main event of 10 rounds at Helena, Mont., on February 5th.

Billy Emke, St. Paul middleweight, meets Jimmie Nuss at the Castle Gardens club, Milwaukee, on February 7th. On the same card, Johnny Shauer, St. Paul lightweight, will clash with Tony Dennis in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Bud Logan, Omaha junior welterweight of the Gibbons-Collins combination, has been signed by promoters at Kenosha, Wis., to box Bermondsey Billy Wells, British welterweight champion on February 10th. Logan gave Wells a tough fight at Davenport, Iowa, not long ago, putting him down for a nine-count during the battle.

Negotiations have been completed for James J. Delaney, St. Paul light heavyweight star, to box Gene Tunney, former light heavy champion of America, at Milwaukee, either February 13th or 22nd, the date not having been decided.

Mickey Walker, welterweight champion of the world, has been offered a match with Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis, by Milwaukee promoters, the bout to take place some time this month.

Farmer Lodge, the "Minnesota Giant," will meet Andre Anderson, Chicago heavyweight, at Duluth on February 9th.

YOUNG WALLACE WINS CUBAN POPULARITY PRIZE

Young Wallace, New Orleans welterweight has returned from Havana, Cuba, where he won a silver loving cup donated to the most popular boxer in Cuba, by the leading Havana Journal, La Noche. Wallace's most recent achievement was knocking out Jimmy Katz, 180-pounder in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round bout at Daytona, Florida.

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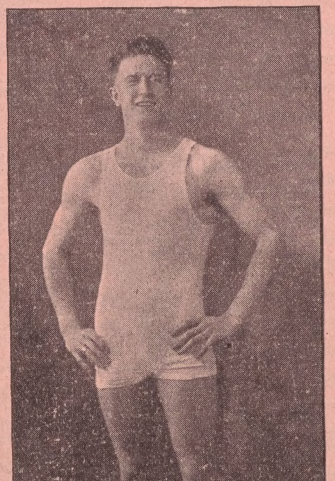

JAMES JEAN DELANEY

New England Light Heavyweight Champion under management of William Kessler, Brooklyn, N. Y. This boxer is no relation to James Joseph Delaney, star light heavyweight of St. Paul, Minn. However, James Jean has fought many of the leading light heavyweights of the country and is regarded as a comer. He is 22 years old, 6 ft. 1 inch tall, and weighs 176 pounds.

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RAY PRYEL LAID UP WITH INJURED HAND

Ray Pryel, the crack Pittsburgh lightweight, was forced to ask for a postponement of his bout with Johnny Donnelly in Uniontown, Pa., scheduled for February 1. Pryel's right hand still is in bad shape, and it probably will be at least three weeks before the Pittsburgher will be ready to resume training, according to his manager, Jersey Jones. Pryel put his fist out of commission in his battle with Ever Hammer, whom he defeated in Cincinnati three weeks ago.

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SIMONICH AND PADGETT GO TO DRAW AT BUTTE

A capacity house saw one of the scrappiest ring shows ever staged in Butte, Mont., on January 18th. In the main event, to settle the welterweight championship of the West, Joe Simonich of Butte got a draw in 12 rounds with Cowboy Padgett. If the pair can ever be rematched it will take an open air arena to come anywhere near accommodating the fans who will clamor to see it. Padgett and Simonich, two rugged and hard mauling boys, fought a vicious battle and neither lost his reputation of never having been knocked down.

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N. V. ANDRIES MATCHMAKER FOR DETROIT ELKS CLUB

N. V. Andries, matchmaker for the Elks Club in Detroit, Mich., writes that he has received many letters addressed to Buddy Goss as matchmaker for that club. Mr. Goss' name was erroneously published in a list of boxing managers in the Boxing Blade, which is glad to correct that error here. Mr. Andries has been matchmaker for the Detroit Elks Club for some time.

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BOXING OPENS UP IN NEW MONTANA SPOT

Lyman A. Sampson, boxing promoter at Shelby, Mont., writes that although the game has just been opened up in that town it is going big and the prospects are bright for the future. The town is located in the new Montana oil belt and is growing like a mushroom. At the last show held there January 25th, Dan Dorey, welterweight from Canada knocked out Canadian Carter in the second round. Jimmy Rock lost to Eddie Parker on a foul in the second round. Mr. Sampson says his next card will be staged on February 22, in a large dance hall just built.

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LARNEY LICHTENSTEIN TAKES WRESTLER TO COAST

Larney Lichtenstein, well known manager of boxers has taken a wrestler under his managerial wing. Lar-

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IT'S BECAUSE IT ISN'T MUCH

ney has taken Johnny Meyers, world's middleweight champion of the mat, to California and has eight matches lined up for him on the Coast. Manager Lichtenstein is also keeping his lightweight boxer, Billy Stearns busy.

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NORTH DAKOTA BOXERS LOOKING FOR FIGHTS

Jack Hurley, manager of a string of North Dakota's leading boxers, who is making his headquarters in St. Paul, complains that he is having a hard time finding fighters who are willing to mingle with his boys, Russie LeRoy, lightweight; Jack Bailey, middleweight, and Jackie Nichols, featherweight. LeRoy defeated Joe Mong in six rounds and Nichols knocked out "Peanuts" Tobin in the third round at Jamestown, N. D., January 24th.

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CHARLEY HARVEY HAS "FIND" IN ENGLISH BANTAM

Charley Harvey, New York manager of boxers and leading importer of foreign fistic talent, claims he has a "find" in Johnny Brown, English boxer, who holds the bantam championship of Canada. Brown, who will fight anybody up to 126 pounds, has met some of the best boys in his class in this country and has always pleased the fans wherever he has appeared. He is a Jewish boy and a pupil of Ted Lewis, former welterweight champion of the world.

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BILLY HAACK CLAIMS RECORD AS REFEREE

Billy Haack, boxing promoter at Memphis, Tenn., who referees all the fights he stages, claims to hold the record for the number of decisions given by a ring official. He has decided over 3,000 boxing bouts in the 15 years that he has been running his club in Memphis. Haack says the game is picking up in his town and that Memphis has turned out a prospective champion in Frank Kid Dugan. This boxer, who is only 18 years old, has won 27 out of 28 fights. He weighs 142 now but will likely grow into a middleweight.

"Other local boys that are coming to the front fast," writes Haack, "are Gene Martenelli, Jimmie Cox, Billy Brown, welters; Kid Roth, Billy Dougless, Johnnie Carlson, Young Boggy, and Bill Wattam, lightweights; Young Sharkey, Bobby Coleman and Tommy Fowlkes, bantams. Looks like Memphis will develop a champion this year if these boys continue to improve.

"Our big Auditorium will be finished in about a year. It will seat from 10,000 to 12,000. Then we can bring the big boys here."

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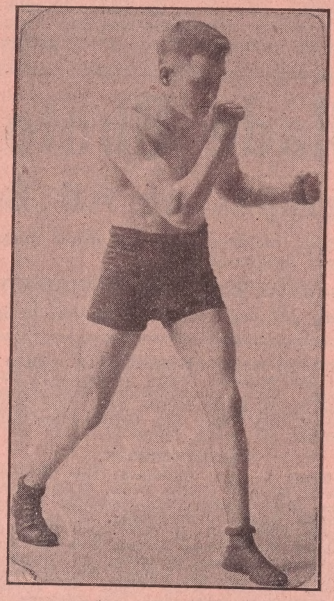
K. O. MARS MANAGED BY BIDDY BISHOP

K. O. Mars, Cincinnati's best lightweight boxer has signed a two-year contract to work under the management of "Biddy" Bishop. Mars realized the possibilities of being rushed to the front under the direction of a man like Bishop and asked him to manage his ring affairs.

"I believe K. O. Mars is a great boxer," says Bishop. "I have always thought so but I see where he can be improved and I intend to direct his training to make this improvement, if I can. I think Mars can, if he will pay attention to business, be fighting for the lightweight championship of the world in a short time."



JOHNNY O'DONNELL
Young lightweight who is one of the best looking prospects ever turned out in St. Paul. He is managed by Gibbons and Collins.

Bishop said he was ready and willing to match Mars against the best in the ring at his weight at any time.

"I have the ambition now to get to the top," says Mars. "I also have confidence in Biddy Bishop and will be guided by what he tells me. It is all up to him. I will fight anyone he asks me to fight. I want action and plenty of it. I will be satisfied to accept small matches the same as big ones. I would like to box about twice each week."

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word regarding a Dempsey match. Gibbons is a sure thing to get a shot at the title if he defeats Floyd. This Johnson is some fighter and Tom will have to show all he has to get by him.

Johnny Wilson is around town trying to fix himself up with the New York State Athletic Commission. If matters are straightened out, Johnny is willing to box Harry Greb. The latter weighed 166 at Jersey City the other night when he fought Billy Shade.

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Billy Duffy, a New York sporting man thinks so well of Johnny's chances against Greb or any other man that can make the 160 pounds, that he is willing to wager any part of $10,000 on his chances. Duffy talks with money and when he says he will wager the above amount, it is in real dough.

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Benny Leonard has forsaken the ring for a short time and is now an actor man and is packing them in at the big Winter Garden, New York.

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Danny Morgan is around with a lot of new boys and trying hard to develop another champion. If they have anything in them our Danny will soon find it out and lead them to a fortune.

Commission Will Govern Junior Welterweight Championship Contests and Boxing Blade Belt

Three Nationally Known Men Appointed to Supervise Awarding of Trophy Emblematic of Title in 140-pound Class Will Act as Trustees for Belt. Regulations Drafted Requiring Holder of Belt to Defend Title Every Six Months Provided Suitable Challenger is Available.

THE Boxing Blade diamond-studded gold belt emblematic of the Junior Welterweight Championship of the World at 140 pounds has been placed under the trusteeship of a special commission selected by Mike E. Collins, editor of the Boxing Blade.

This step was taken following the refusal of the National Boxing Association at its recent annual meeting in New York City to recognize Pinkie Mitchell of Milwaukee as the champion of the new class. Mitchell was elected by boxing fans throughout the world through voting contest conducted by the Boxing Blade, and he was awarded the championship belt.

Three nationally known, highly respected and reputable men have been appointed a commission to govern the newly created 140-pound division and to regulate championship contests in this class. They are Judge A. J. Hedding, father of Wisconsin's boxing law; Judge John C. Karel, once one of Wisconsin's greatest football players, and M. L. Annenberg, New York.

The choice of Pinkie Mitchell as champion will stand, despite the unfavorable vote of the N. B. A. Mitchell was the choice of boxing fans in all parts of the world. Over 766,000 votes were cast, ballots coming from England, Australia and even the Philippines. Mitchell won by a plurality of over 100,000 votes.

When the contest was started the Boxing Blade was assured by the National Boxing Association that the idea would receive the support of the association but it seems that they changed their minds at the New York meeting. However, the Blade intends to continue along the original lines and the commission named will act as trustee of the belt instead of the N. B. A.

Under the rules laid down by the commission the holder of the championship belt will be required to defend his title at least once in every six months unless suitable opponents are lacking. The holder of the belt must also post a bond of $5,000 with the commission and when arranging for a championship bout must turn the belt over to the commission.

The referee will wear the belt in the ring during such championship contests, and the commission will select the referee in bouts in which a decision is to be given. A number of other conditions were laid down for the governing of titular scraps.

Mitchell will no doubt be recognized throughout the country as the 140-pound champion until someone takes the title and the championship belt away from him in the ring.

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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS AND MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Battling Siki, World L. H. Champion; Harry Greb, American L. H. Champion; James J. Delaney, Tom Gibbons, Georges Carpentier, Gene Tunney, Battling Levinsky, Happy Littleton, Billie Emke, Johnny Wilson, Middleweight Champion; Mike Gibbons, Mike O'Dowd, Dave Rosenberg, Jimmie Clabby, Eddie McGoorty, Battling Ortega.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Mickey Walker, Champion; Jack Britton, Billy Wells, Dave Shade, Soldier Bartfield, Nate Siegel, Jock Malone, Johnny Tillman, Art Magirl, Morrie Lux, Warnie Smith, Panama Joe Gans, Paul Doyl, Bert Colima, K. O. Laughlin, Cowboy Padgett, Morris Schlaifer, Silver Perry, Billy Sterns, George Ward, Phil Bloom.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS (140 pounds)

Pinkie Mitchell, Harvey Thorpe, Jack Josephs, Bat Krause, Eddy Fitzsimmons, Bud Logan, Bobby Harper, Jack Foley, Neil Allison, Ray Pryel, Ray (Dick) Jones, Cal Delaney.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Benny Leonard, Champion; Lew Tendler, Richie Mitchell, Charlie White, Sailor Friedman, Willie Jackson, Joe Benjamin, Johnny Dundee, Oakland Jimmie Duffy, Al Van Ryan, Johnny Shauer, Bobby Ward, Gene Delmont, Johnny Noye, Rocky Kansas, Pete Hartley, Kid Lavigne, Jack McAuliffe, Ad Wolgast, Johnny Shepard, Joe Welling, Otto Wallace, Bobby Michaels, Willie Richie, Sid Marks, Ever Hammer, Solley Burns, Sid Barbarian.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Johnny Kilbane, Champion, Saph McKenna, Babe Herman, Andy Chaney, Danny Frush, Harvey Bright, Benny Valger, Pepper Martin, Artie Root, Tony Caponi, Eddy Debeau, Abe Attell Goldstein.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Joe Lynch, Champion; Pete Herman, Midget Smith, Pal Moore, Joe Burman, Georgie Marks, Earl McArthur, Jimmie Wilde, Johnny Buff, Eddy Anderson, Joey Schwartz, Dandy Dillon, Sammy Mandell, Frankie Schmalzer, Carl Tremaine, Stewart McLean, Pancho Villa.

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DID YOU EVER stop to consider that Chicago at present has the best set of battlers to represent them in practically all classes, since boxing came into renown in our Windy City. Of course, Chicago has had Packey McFarland, Jack Britton, Bill Brennan, etc. But taking the numerous boxers in each class today as a whole it will be seen that each and everyone would give a good account of themselves against the best in their respective classes. A few that are mentioned may not be well known in name, but as far as ability is concerned they possess the real stuff, only they haven't had the opportunity to present it to the world-wide public. Still the world over, there is many a good battler hidden in the sticks.

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STARTING WITH the lightweights, where can any one city display any four men as these: Sailor Friedman, Charley White, Ever Hammer and Bud Christiano. The best of the lot is Sailor Friedman, as his ability has been tried and proven. His most notable achievement is that he is the only lightweight in the world that has ever won a newspaper decision over Benny Leonard since he has held the crown, and that happened in Philadelphia a year ago. This 23-year-old youngster has everything before him and will improve. As for Leonard, White and Tendler, why they are at the top of their form. Friedman's four close contests with Tendler and the knockout over Eddie Fitzsimmons, classes him as the most feared lightweight in the world today. As for White, one must say with an honest opinion, that he has been getting the breaks in getting men that are practically through, such as Mitchell and Kansas. Ever Hammer, with another new lease of life, again is battling at the top and at present he is showing better form than he did last summer when he defeated both White and Mitchell. Last but not the least is the popular leather pusher in the person of Bud Christiano, who of late has developed a knockout punch, stopping his last three opponents.

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THEN THAT much muddled Junior Featherweight class—Mike Dundee, the unfortunate kid, is the best we have had in many a day and after a three months' layoff he is again training for a new campaign. Dundee went through the bantams in rapid pace, defeating Carl Tremaine, Roy Moore, Joe Burman, Eddie Anderson, Jack Kid Wolfe, Midget Smith and Terry Martin and the only reason that he did not defeat Champion Joe Lynch, as Dick Curley says it, is because Lynch would not take a chance with this Italian lad. He will now try his luck with the heavier opponents as the others refuse to mingle with him. Sammy Mandell has displayed his class and is a popular mitt artist wherever he appears. The other two promising youngsters are Jack Eile, the "Fighting Fool" and Eddie Shea, the sensational youngster that Dick Curley is carefully grooming. Shea, with only seven bouts under his belt, has shown before the fans of New York in the Garden, Milwaukee, Detroit and Chicago. Eile, it seems, is the only lad that hasn't had the breaks, although he has stood the test with Joe Burman, Eddie Anderson, Mike Dundee, Sammy Mandell, Frankie Garcia and Jack Sharkey, and all that he needs is the chance before the big spots.

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OUR BANTAMS, everyone knows about. Joe Burman is now ready for Lynch's title. Eddie Anderson, his stablemate, is a snappy performer. The former St. Louis Irishman, Patsy Flannigan, will be heard from.

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PAL MOORE really is the surprise of the fistic world. Pal, who has being boxing a number of years with fellows as big as 126 pounds, now comes forth to represent us in the flyweight division. Oh, yes, Moore in his last two victories has scaled near the 112-pound flyweight limit and last week he defeated the 120-pound Tommy Murray of Philadelphia, rather easy. The same Murray recently gave Joe Burman and Eddie Anderson close battles. Moore has offers with Tremaine, Taylor, Genaro and Eddie Anderson, but it would be a wise move for him to tackle the smaller fellows as that class has plenty of real opposition and real money. Among the small fellows, not far behind Moore comes that aspiring Bud Taylor who will get his chance to display his wares before the New York public when he performs in one of the preliminaries to the Tom Gibbons and Floyd Johnson match in March. Other small fellows around here are Harold Smith and Herbie Schaefer, the sockem and rockem kid that makes them all fight as his victories over Pal Moore and Bud Taylor have proved.

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BILL TATE and Andre Anderson are the heavies. It seems no one wishes to battle Tate and the Kid Howard entry is idle at present; Wills, Godfrey and others turned down real offers to meet him. Anderson clashes with Farmer Lodge on February 9 at Duluth, Minn.

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PROMISING YOUNGSTERS are developing here at a rapid pace. Ross Murphy and Joe McLaughlin in the lightweights; Harry Gaba, Benny Berris and Rocky Joyce among the 126-pounders.

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FRANKIE GARCIA, the Spaniard, is masquerading around here as a small fellow, but if he can do the weight, he will weaken himself. He is a natural 126-28 pounder. His loud, boastful tactics have talked himself out of few matches around here and the same in Milwaukee.

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KID BANDY, stablemate of Patsy Flannigan under the guidance of Joe Keefe, is here from St. Louis with a notable record among the feathers. He has boxed Andy Chaney, Harry Kabacoff, Johnny Dundee, Artie Root and Charley Beecher. Along with him came Al Thomas, the Mound City kayo artist, a welterweight.

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CHARLEY WHITE and Rocky Kansas will battle in the Garden on February 9. White should easily defeat the Buffalo man as Kansas has been given close battles by Sammy Berne, Johnny Donnely, and old man Pete Hartley. White should score a knockout but the 135-pound weight will probably weaken the Windy City lad, as he hasn't hit that notch for quite a number of years.

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Johh L. Sullivan's Last Letter

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and down. Before I had time to get up he was on top of me, kicking me in the head and ribs with a look on his face that apparently meant he was out to kill me. Bob Shea and others jumped into the ring to pull him off. He hit Shea, knocking him cold and was swinging on them all, knocking every one that came his way. I finally got out of the ring and they got him quieted down and sent him home.

"That was the start of the mighty John L., and that start and day is still talked of by the old timers around Boston.

"Next day, Blanchard hired me to teach Sullivan how to box. I put in four months. Day after day we boxed from four to ten rounds. Sullivan was very headstrong. It took over two months to prove to him that a straight left was necessary to a boxer. Finally, he got better and better, and what a hitter he was. Anyhow, at the end of four months I reported Sullivan ready for anything in the heavyweight line.

"Down in New York there was a heavyweight called Steve Taylor who was being groomed for the championship. Taylor weighed about 200 and was considered the best. He had had about 25 fights and won all of them with a knockout in a few rounds. We took Sullivan to New York and matched him up with Taylor, who considered Sully a set-up for him. John L. knocked Taylor dead in the first minute of the third round.

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"A few more brief bouts and Sullivan was signed to box Paddy Ryan for the world's championship. He then weighed 185 and could fight. I was his chief second that day and poor Paddy Ryan took an unmerciful beating, Sullivan knocking him out in the ninth round, winning the world's championship. After winning the title, besides his purse, John L. received about $5,000 in presents from admirers and men who won money on him. He immediately sent the $5,000 as a present to his parents in Boston.

"Many stories have been told how Sullivan started drinking on his first trip to New York, but that is all wrong. I know that he never took a drink or even knew the taste of liquor until about a year after he won the title from Ryan.

"Sullivan's mother was a big woman, weighing 185 and standing 5 feet 9 inches tall. His father was a little man, standing 5 feet, 5, and weighing around 150.

"John L. never forgot a friend. He gave away more money than most boxers of today make.

"May his name live forever and his soul rest in peace."

Last Week's Results

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Tommy Gardner knocked out George Gibbons, second round, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Jimmy Fitten defeated Les Mazon, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Johnny Lamar defeated Young Springfield, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Carlo Gianotti defeated Henry Disano, four rounds, at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

"Billy" Vincent defeated "Terry" MacGowan aboard the U. S. S. California at Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 24th.

Joe Fisher defeated Frank J. Renner aboard the U. S. S. California at Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 24th.

Danny Nunes defeated Bud Ridley, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Tod Morgan defeated Dandy Dillon, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Al Grunan defeated Abe Mishkind, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Steve Biss defeated Steve Dalton, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Bud Manning and Benny Marks boxed four rounds to a draw at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Ben Shannon defeated Packy McMullin, four rounds, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Johnny McGraw knocked out Eddie Morey, second round, at Vernon, Calif., Jan. 23rd.

Joe Graham and Henry Gatten boxed four rounds to a draw at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Jimmie Kramer and Jack Dunn boxed four rounds to a draw at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Battling Doty defeated Kid Tex, four rounds, at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Tommy Agguerre and Young Monroe boxed four rounds to a draw at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Young Murphy knocked out Jack McClellan, second round, at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Bennie Diaz knocked out Sailor Dunpay, third round, at Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 19th.

Jimmy Duffy defeated Jack Josephs, four rounds, at Oakland, Calif., Jan. 24th.

Vic Foley defeated Eddie Neil, eight rounds at Everett, Wash., Jan. 26th.

Johnny Mack knocked out Billy Nash, second round at Everett, Wash., Jan. 26th.

CANADA

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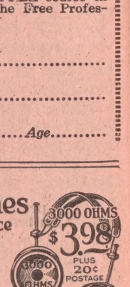

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Muldoon's Objections Upset Ring History Precedent

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Langford when the Tar Baby weighed 165 pounds.

One may gather from the foregoing that Muldoon is wrong in declaring that Gibbons is not physically a match for Dempsey.

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Jack Herman, veteran manager of boxers and wrestlers and sport promoter, tells a funny one about Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," one of the greatest bantamweight fighters the ring ever produced.

Although Gardner seldom weighed more than 116 pounds he fought all comers up to 145 pounds and, in one instance, he fought a heavyweight.

Herman was promoting boxing shows in New York City and wired Gardner in Kansas City to come East for a bout with Joe Bernstein. "Am fighting big Swede named Anderson here Sunday for the heavyweight championship of Missouri and Kansas. Will arrive in New York Tuesday for Bernstein fight," was the telegram Herman received from Gardner.

"Sure enough, Gardner arrived in New York in time for the Bernstein bout but his hands were swollen to the size of boxing gloves from punching Anderson," said Herman. "Oscar knocked out the big Swede all right but nearly ruined his fists," continued the veteran sporting man. "Gardner had a pair of fists that would have discouraged any of the present day fighters from appearing in the ring for six months, yet he met Bernstein, one of the greatest of bantamweights, and whipped Joe in 20 rounds.

"My, what a fighter Gardner was!" mused Herman. "I would give plenty for another like him today."

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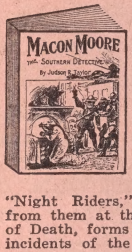

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